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Coffin et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2655
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For: Systems And Methods For Providing	)	TKHR Docket No.: 50819-1680
Automatic Access To Data Media In A Data	)	
Storage System	)	

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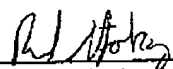
Sir:

I, Richard J. Stokey, hereby declare that:

1. I am the attorney of record for the present application (identified above).
2. Claims 2-5, 9, 12, and 13 of the present application are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over *Thayer* (U.S. patent 6,643,226, hereinafter the '226 patent) in view of *Inoue* ("Inoue," U.S. Pat. No. 5,940,354) and further in view of *Luffel et al.* ("Luffel," U.S. Pat. No. 5,596,556).
3. The inventors of the '226 patent previously assigned all right, title, and interest in the '226 patent to Hewlett-Packard Company, a Delaware corporation (which interest was later conveyed to HEWLETT-PACKARD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, L.P.).
4. The inventors of the present application also assigned all right, title, and interest in the present application to Hewlett-Packard Company, a Delaware corporation (which interest was later conveyed to HEWLETT-PACKARD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, L.P.).
5. The present application and the '226 patent were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by Hewlett-Packard Company.

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I hereby declare: (a) that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; (b) that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; (c) that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code; and (d) that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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